



Docket No. HOE96/F319CON

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schwertfeger et al

Examiner: Daniel S. Metzmaier

Application No.: 09/817,459

Art Unit: 1712

Filed: March 26, 2001

For: **Organically Modified Aerogels, Method for their Production by Surface Modification of the Aqueous Gel Without Previous Solvent Exchange and Subsequent Drying and their Use Thereof**

Commissioner for Patents,
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown included in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.